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THE PRESIDENT
Gerald R. Ford

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 12, 1974

MR. PRESIDENT:

I have asked that Ken Cole put together immediate short-term activities to dramatize the interest of your Administration in certain key and vital areas. Unless you oppose any aspects of the memo, these ideas will be integrated into your upcoming schedule proposals. Each functional area in the White House will make similar recommendations for short-term activity by you.

Al Haig

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9/11/74



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 9, 1974

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: KENNETH R. COLE, JR.
FROM: JERRY H. JONES
SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Activity for
the Remainder of August in the
Domestic Area

Your memorandum to the President of August 10 on the above subject has been reviewed and the following notations were made:

Amateur Athletics -- Let's do.

Bicentennial -- Ok.

Ken, we just received this in the outbox.

cc: Al Haig



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 10, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: KEN COLE
SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Activity for the
Remainder of August in the Domestic Area

We have listed a number of substantive domestic issues which you may wish to be identified with in the weeks ahead. We have not made suggestions on the economy, which will be provided by others.

Veterans

The situation with respect to veterans and their benefits continues to improve after the problem of delayed checks that we had last spring. The VA-Man-On-The-Campus program is being set up as planned. The GI benefit check delivery problem will have largely disappeared by the time school opens. We anticipate that House-Senate Conferees will report the GI Bill Amendments shortly. We have been talking with Tiger Teague and Senators Thurmond and Hansen in an attempt to block the direct tuition payments in the Senate version of this bill. You should be in a position to announce your new VA Administrator shortly. This action would show your interest in veterans affairs.

For August we propose:

- A signing ceremony and Presidential statement if an acceptable GI Bill is passed. If unacceptable legislation is sent down, we would prepare a veto statement.
- A Presidential announcement and photo opportunity with the newly appointed VA Administrator.

Welfare

Secretary Weinberger is continuing consultations with Hill leaders.

We propose:

- A Presidential meeting with Russell Long and Wilbur Mills to discuss welfare.



Education

The Education Bill arrived here last night. If you approve it we propose:

- A Presidential Education Bill signing ceremony, photo opportunity, fact sheet and briefing.

Older Americans

The aging area has not received much White House attention since 1972. Policies set in motion in '71 and '72 have been quietly and steadily carried out under the overall direction of Arthur Flemming. We think the time has come to call public attention to older Americans.

We propose:

- A Presidential meeting and photo with Arthur Flemming and the Chairman of the recently appointed Advisory Council on the Aging to receive a report of the Council's first meeting.

Amateur Athletics

HEW is moving to establish the Advisory Committee on Amateur Athletics.

We propose:

- A Presidential meeting with Bob Miathis and Jack Kemp and others on the amateur athletic problems.
- White House announcement on the establishment of the Advisory Committee.

Bicentennial

John Warner was appointed to serve as Administrator of the Bicentennial in March. Plans are now nearly complete to announce members of the Bicentennial Advisory Council. August could be a good time to draw attention to setps taken under Warner's direction.

We propose:

- A brief Presidential meeting with John Warner and newly named members of the Bicentennial Advisory Council; to be followed by a photo opportunity and Warner briefing.



Let's do.

OK

Pension Reform

House and Senate Conferees have now reached agreement on a bill. If an acceptable Conference Report is adopted we propose:

- A Presidential signing ceremony, statement, fact sheet and briefing.

Health

While we do not expect final passage of any health insurance bill this year, both the Senate and House continue to show interest in the matter.

We propose:

- A brief Presidential meeting with Secretary Weinberger for him to report to you on the progress of health insurance, with a photo opportunity and Weinberger briefing.
- A meeting with the presidents of the major national health organizations.

Biomedical Commission

In July cancer legislation was signed that included establishment of a temporary Biomedical Commission to study the whole area of biomedical research. It's also an issue Secretary Weinberger is emphasizing in preparing domestic initiatives for next year. You should be appointing the Commission soon.

We propose:

- A Presidential greeting with the Chairman of the Biomedical Commission when it is announced; photo opportunity and briefing to follow.

Privacy

In February the Domestic Council Committee on Privacy was established and chaired by you as Vice President. This Committee met in July to discuss various recommendations and legislative initiatives which are now being put in final shape for presentation to you.

We propose:

- A Presidential meeting with the Domestic Council Committee on Privacy to receive its report; photo opportunity and press briefing to follow.



Energy

Energy related legislation continues to receive attention from Congress. While ERDA is currently stalled in both Houses, strip mining is a possible veto candidate in the form passed by the House

We propose:

- A Presidential signing statement or veto statement on the strip mining legislation; Secretary Morton to brief.

